of the M. B. & B. S. are to be preferred to holders of the L. M. & S. degree?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The public Service Notification (Appendix No. 1 A under "Medical Department" in the T. S. R.) prescribes that, in entertaining new hands, M. B. & C. M. or M. B. & B. S. should have preference to L. M. & S.

Store-keeper, General Medical Stores.

3. **MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name, qualification and salary of the present Store-keeper, General Medical Stores, Trivandrum;

(*b*) when he was appointed;

(*c*) how many applied for the post and what were their qualifications; and

(*d*) whether the authorities ascertained if the applicants for Assistant Surgeon's post were willing to accept the Store-keeper's post?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Mr. T. C. Thomas; L. M. S.; Rs. 100 per mensem.

(*b*) 25th Karkatakam 1108.

(*c*) Messrs. C. William, M. B. B. S.
T. C. Thomas, L. M. S.
S. Sankaranarayanan Unnithan, L. M. S.

(*d*) No.

Exemption from payment of toll.

4. **MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers and other persons, if any, who are exempted from the payment of toll at the P. W. D. toll-gates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The member is referred to pages 260 and 261 of the P. W. D. Sheet of the Travancore Government Gazette dated 10-7-1934/26-11-1109.

Confirmation of Medical Officers.

5. **MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state what is the principle followed in the Medical Department in confirming persons to the posts of (i) Deputy Surgeons, (ii) Assistant Surgeons, and (iii) Sub-Assistant Surgeons?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Seniority, merit and qualifications.

Special staff for the standardisation of printed forms.

6. **MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of offices inspected by the Special Officer for standardisation of printed forms and his staff till the end of Edavom 1109 with respective dates in chronological order;

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